

## Message Text

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P 171345Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1010

C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2997

DEPT FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, EINV  
SUBJECT: AMINOIL/GOK ARBITRATION

REF: (A) STATE 124722, (B) KUWAIT 2962, (C) STATE 122250.

1. COURIER DELIVERED LETTERS TO EMBASSY NOON MAY 17  
AND ECON CHIEF HAND DELIVERED THEM TO OIL MINISTER'S OFFICE  
DIRECTOR FARID ZABBAL AND TO DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR MOHSEN ABDUL  
HAFEZ SAME DAY.

2. OIL MINISTER LEFT KUWAIT FOR LONDON MAY 16 AND WILL BE OUT  
OF THE COUNTRY FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS. HOWEVER ZABBAL PROMISED TO  
TRANSMIT TEXT OF LETTER TO MINISTER ON MAY 18. ZABBAL  
SAID HE SAW NO PROBLEMS IN ARRANGING FOR MEETING BETWEEN AMINOIL  
AND ABDUL HAFEZ AND OTHERS IN PARIS IN LATE MAY SINCE ABDUL  
HAFEZ WILL BE IN PARIS AT THAT TIME ALONG WITH OIL MINISTRY  
ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS ABDULRAZZAK  
MULLA HUSSEIN ON OTHER BUSINESS (LPG NEGOTIATIONS).

3. SINCE MEETING PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY OIL  
MINISTER, THERE MIGHT BE SLIGHT DELAY IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.  
HOWEVER ABDUL HAFEZ WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT MEETING COULD  
TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. ABDUL HAFEZ  
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PROMISED TO BE BACK TO US AS SOON AS HE HAD WORD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: NEA/ARP PLEASE PASS FOREGOING TO AMINOIL'S  
DONALD R. KIEFER. SUTHERLAND

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